THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear NAEBer:

Let's get down to a consideration of some of the problems facing NAEB, and in particular what the members would like to have done with the association's constitution and by-laws.

If I may, I'd like to indicate here the major problems, as I see them, related to the constitution and by-laws. If I'm right, some or all members would like to see some changes made. If the majority does, then we'll get the chages affected.

These possible changes include the following:

1. Change the name, or retain the present name. And, if changed, to what name.
2. Change the method of electing Regional directors, providing for nomination and election by members within the region; and/or by mail.
3. Re-districting. In particular, consider dividing Region VI so that distances do not hamper so much the relationships and operations of the district. This raises the question of adding a Region, thus adding one member to the Board of Directors.
4. Voting. This means reconsideration of the present voting. Is it equitable? And, consideration of some voting privilege for associate members. On what basis?
5. Voting. Making provision for voting by mail, or by mail and present method.
6. Office qualifications. Do we have only active members qualified as office holders? Or, do we permit associate members to hold office? If so, what offices? Or, would an associate member-at-large, nominated and elected by the associates be the answer to representation and voice?
7. Standing committees. Should the by-laws indicate certain standing committee that the president should appoint, and leave to president's discretion in appointing others?
8. Term of office. Should by-laws provide for all officers to hold office from convention to convention, or for the calendar year following election? Or, all officers serve from convention to convention, with exception that treasurer shall serve on calendar year, or fiscal year basis?

What do I propose to do about these? Well, my idea is to get your reactions to the above. I'd appreciate them. I'd also ask you to refer to my numbering above. Then, after you've had this chance to indicate any problem I may have overlooked, we'll get together a document in which proposals will be more formally indicated. Along with proposals would be the pros and cons. You'd have a chance to consider both sides, or perhaps more than two sides.

If we can get to this stage, then I'd think we might have a straw ballot by mail, or suspend the rules and have an official ballot by mail. You might indicate your thoughts here, too.

If we can get all of these things done, or decided democratically that we don't want to do them, by no later than the 1955 convention, I think we will have accomplished something. Won't you agree?

PRESIDENT'S PAGE--II

Now, some other items. Since last I conversed with you in the NEWSLETTER, I've been a number of places, seen lots of you. Sorry I haven't seen all of you, but we can get together at the convention in Chicago, October 26-29, at the Del Prado.

I attended Earl Wynn's Region II conference at Atlanta on April 1 and 2. It was a good meeting, and Earl will have some report material which we'll pass along in time. A week later Skornia attended Region I meeting in Amherst. Then, on April 13 I attended luncheon meeting of Marguerite Fleming's Region V. We had a good session and I believe that Region already has in motion plans for another, perhaps in connection with the national convention.

Incidentally, Wednesday, Oct. 26, luncheon time at the convention is open. Some of you may wish to arrange regional luncheons. Or, come in early for regional meeting. Convention opens at 10 a.m., Wednesday.

Your Board of Directors met at Columbus and was able to finish up business from an agenda with some 26 items. Might have been 23 or 25, but it was a pretty crowded agenda.

Before the Board meetings, and before the Institute, the NAEB Advisory Committee to the President of the Educational Television and Radio Center had a very fine meeting. We all agreed upon a number of things that will be helpful to Center affiliates, to NAEB, and to the Center, and as things move you'll hear about them.

Just one thing, for example. NAEB has many members who are not affiliated with the Center because they are not now operating stations. And, the Center deals closely with its affiliates. By co-ordianting program information between Center Program Co-ordiantor Bob Hudson and Bill Harley's TV Operations (and maybe we ought to change it to TV Program Committee) we can be helpful to each other. Bill can channel to Hudson, Hudson to Harley, program ideas.

And in connection with program ideas I have asked Harley's committee for TV, and Ken Wright's committee for radio, to provide one good program lead (program or series) for inclusion with mailing NEWSLETTER each month. These will be separate so they can be passed along to program people if the boss is prone to take too long to read the NEWSLETTER. Ken Wright and I had discussed this proposal at Atlanta. Everyone I've talked with, including the Board members, thinks this can be an additional service to members, and all for the good.

More progress has been made on the convention program, too, and Chairman Al Partridge will be getting dope to you before the end of May so you'll have it before you leave your job for the summer--in case you do. In this connection, I've been to New York. And I've been to Washington for meeting of JCET.

If you've read this far, maybe you've read enough, so I'll sign off. I'll be back next month. Meanwhile, if you think I've overlooked tending to any of NAEB business, just let me know. Or, just drop me a note, or a picture like the one I received from Vern Bronson today.

--Frank Schooley

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